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List of the PRICES

IN THOSE BRANCHES OF THE

Weaving Manufactory,

CALLED THE

STRONG PLAIN;

FOOT FIGURED

AND

FLOWER'D BRANCHES,

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STRONG PLAIN BRANCH.

A LIST of the Prices agreed to be paid for making the different Kinds of Work, in that Branch of the Weaving Manufactory, called the STRONG PLAIN BRANCH, as Settled and Signed by the ſeveral Manufacturers, whoſe Names are hereunder Written *(that is to ſay)* by the Maſters, whoſe Names are hereto Subſcribed on the behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Maſters, and by the Journeymen, whoſe Names are hereto Subſcribed, on the behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the Journeymen, in manner following, *viz.*

Three Quarter'd Mantuas.		S	D
1400 or under per yard	——	0	9
1500	—— ——	0	10
1600	full three Quarters if ſhot in Italian manner — —	0	10
1600	Ditto if ſhot as common breadth of three quarters — —	0	11
1700	Full 3 quarters if ſhot Italian --	0	11
1700	If ſhot as common breadth of three quarters —— —	1	0

If any of the above are Check'd or bar'd, 2d per yard is to be paid for the firſt ſhuttle, and 1d for every other,

Black Mantuas to be paid for by the Yard as Colours.

All counts turn'd of the quarter of Hundred, to be paid for as the half Hundred, and if turn'd of the half Hundred, to be paid for as the whole Hundred

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	S	D
Half Ell Mantuas.		
1100 or under per yd, — ——	0	7
And if in Ducape manner — —	0	8
1200 —— ——	0	8
1200 if full half ell ——	0	8½

If any of the above are Check'd or Bar'd, 2d per yard to be paid for the firſt Shuttle, and 1d for every other.

All counts of half ell Mantuas, if they amount to an half Hundred or more, to be paid as the whole hundred.

And all Black Mantuas to be paid for by the Yard as Colours.

Ducapes per yard.

Six ſingle or four double, at one Price.	1050 or under ——	0	9	
	And if exceeding 1050 to pay as for 1100			
	1100 —— ——	0	10	
	1200 —— ——	0	11	

All Serges according to the Counts to be paid as half Ell Mantuas, and all additions the ſame.

All counts of Tabbies & Ducapes, if turn'd of the quarter of hundred to be paid as for the half hundred, and all turn'd of the half hundred, to be paid for as the whole hundred.

Black Tabbies and Ducapes to be paid for as Colours.

Hat Tabbies two or three Threads.

1000 1100 per Ell.	—— ——	0	6

S D

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

If turn'd of the quarter of an hundred, to be paid as the half hundred, and if turn'd of the half, to be paid as the whole hundred.

1200 } ditto —— 0 7
1300 }

All counts under 1200 to be paid as 1200

If turned of the quarter of an hundred, to be paid as the half hundred, and if turn'd of the half, to be paid as the whole hundred.

Hat Tabbies four Threads.

1200 } —— —— 0 8
1300 }

All Counts under 1200 to be paid as 1200

If turned of the quarter of an hundred, to be paid as the half hundred, and If turn'd of the half, to be paid as the whole hundred.

The 2 and 3 threads at one price.

Plain Tabbies per Ell.

Eight single or six double, at one Price.

1050 or under — — — 1 0
And if exceeding 1050 to pay as for 1100
1100 —— —— 1 1
1200 —— —— 1 2

Corded per yard, 1050 or under — 1 0

And if exceeding 1050 to pay as for 1100.

1100 —— 1 1
1200 —— 1 2

WE the underwritten Maſters and Journeymen, do hereby declare our reſpective Conſent and Agreement to the ſeveral Prices, and other Particulars herein abovementioned and ſet forth, and that the ſame ſhall Commence and be complied with by both Parties from the Twentyfifth Day of March, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine. And in Teſtimony thereof we have hereunto ſet our Hands

Iſaac Dupree
Abraham Gamage and Maze
T. and W. Ravenhill
Robert Ravenhill
Gallot and Guillebaud
Jordan and Maſon
Sorell and Sons
John Gloag
John Lambert

} Maſters.

Thomas Baker
James Saunders
William Durant,
Jacob Buckey
John Murphy
Thomas Haddon

} Journeymen.

FOOT FIGURED and FLOWERED BRANCH *(viz)*

	S	D
No. 1 — Half ell plain and foot figur'd Mantuas per yard.		
1100 or under plain	0	7
1200 Eight Pence, and if full half ell	0	8¼
If made in Ducape manner	0	8
If check'd or bar'd for the firſt ſhuttle	0	2
and for every other	0	1
If ſtich'd	0	2
If corded 200 or under	0	2
300	0	2½
400	0	3
500	0	3½
600	0	4
700	0	4½
800	0	5
900	0	5½
1000	0	6
1100	0	6½
1200	0	7
1300	0	7½
1400	0	8
The cord in half ell and three quarters, to be paid alike.		
Sattin Stripes, 300 dents or under	0	3
For every 100 extra	0	1
The loſt Shoots in the Tobines, to be paid for every 20	0	1
every 16	0	1½
every 12	0	2
every 8	0	3
Tobines 400 or under	0	3
For every 100 extra	0	1
If double Tobine, to advance for each hundred.	0	1

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	S	D
Tobines not exceeding 12 figur'd treadles or 16 figured lambs or under --	0	2
From 12 to 16 figur'd treadles, and from 16 to 20 figured lambs ——	0	3
From 16 to 20 figured treadles or lambs —— ——	0	4

All above 20 figured treadles or lambs, to be put on a Mounture, and to be paid for as brucklees.

If a mounture does not exceed 120 Cords, and 120 Brucklees, the ſame is to be paid for two pence under a a ſimple, and if exceeding 120 Cords and 120 Brucklees, the ſame is to be paid for as a ſimple.

Half ell and three quarters alike.

For a fluſh out of the ground, 12 figured treadles to 16 figured lambs or under —— ——	0	3
From 16 treadles to 20 figur'd lambs -	0	5

No. 2 — Three quarter'd plain and foot figur'd Mantuas, per Yard.

1400 or under plain ——	0	9
1500 or 1600 full three quarters, if ſhot in Italian manner ——	0	10
If either be ſhot as common breadth of three quarters ——	0	11
For barring 2d a ſhuttle, Waſhing included, either in half ell or three quarter'd		
If check'd or bar'd 2d, and ſtich'd if 200 or under ——	0	2
Sattin ſtripes, 300 dents or under —	0	3
For every 100 extra ——	0	1
Tobines 400 or under ——	0	3
For every 100 extra ——	0	1

	S	D
If double tobines to advance for each hundred —— ——	0	1
Tobines not exceeding 12 figur'd treadles or 16 lambs ——	0	3
From 12 to 16 treadles and 20 lambs	0	4
From 16 to 20 treadles or lambs —	0	5
The loſt ſhoots in the Tobines to be paid for every 20 ——	0	1
every 16 ——	0	1½
every 12 ——	0	2
every 8 ——	0	3
For a fluſh out of the ground, 12 figur'd treadles or 12 figur'd lambs —	0	4
From 12 to 16 ——	0	5
From 16 to 20 ——	0	6

All counts turned of the quarter of hundred, to be paid for as the half hundred, and if turned of the half hundred to be paid for as the whole hundred. Half ell and three quarters alike.

All clouds for one colour if all over --	0	2
For every extra colour all over ——	0	0½
If ſtrip'd half or under, for every one colour —— ——	0	1
And for every two colours in the ſtripe	0	0½
If 300 ſattin and 200 cord or under, both together ——	0	4

No. 3 — Half ell fluſh Mantuas on mountures.

1000 Fifty lines or under ——	1	3
1100 Ditto —— —	1	4
1200 Ditto —— —	1	5
For every five Lines extra —	0	1
300 dents or under of Sattin —	0	4
For every 100 extra ——	0	1
If both ſhoots Draught, to advance	0	2
150 cord or under ——	0	2
From 150 to 200 ——	0	3

	S	D
And for every 100 extra ——	0	1
Sattin and cord together, cord not to exceed 100 ——	0	5
If 200 with the Sattin ——	0	6
For every 100 extra ——	0	1
The Bias to be paid as the Sattin.		
300 Tobines or under ——	0	4
For every 100 extra ——	0	1
If bound every 8 lines ——	0	2
6 ditto ——	0	3
4 ditto ——	0	4
3 ditto ——	0	5

No. 4 — Three quarter'd fluſh Mantuas on mountures.

1400 Fifty Lines or under —	1	6
1500 Ditto ——	1	7
To advance for every 5 lines above	0	1
If with 300 Sattin or under —	0	4
To advance for every 100 above --	0	1
Sattin and cord together, cord not to exceed 100 ——	0	5
To advance for every hundred above	0	1
150 cord or under ——	0	2
If exceeding 150 to 200 ——	0	3
To advance for every 100 above —	0	1
Bias the ſame as Sattin.		
If both ſhoots draught to advance —	0	2
300 Tobines or under —— ——	0	4
To advance for every hundred above -	0	1
If bound every 8 lines ——	0	2
6 ditto ——	0	3
4 ditto ——	0	4
3 ditto ——	0	5
Checks to advance for the firſt ſhuttle	0	2
For every other ſhuttle ——	0	1

S. D.

No. 5. — Damaſks.

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 five threads		55	or under	1	6
1100	——	55	——	1	6
1200	——	55	——	1	6

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 ſix threads		55	or under	1	6
1100	——	50	——	1	6
1200	——	50	——	1	8

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 ſeven threads		50	——	1	9
1100	——	50	——	1	10
1200	——	50	——	1	11

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 eight threads		50	——	2	0
1100	——	50	——	2	1
1200	——	50	——	2	2

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 nine threads		50	——	2	2
1100	——	50	——	2	3
1200	——	50	——	2	4

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 ten threads		50	——	2	4
1100	——	50	——	2	5
1200	——	50	——	2	6

Reeds		Lines		S.	D.
1000 eleven threads		50	——	2	6
1100	——	50	——	2	8
1200	——	50	——	2	10

Reeds	Lines		S.	D
1000 twelve threads	50	——	2	8
1100 ——	50	——	2	10
1200 ——	50	——	3	0

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

And all above 1200 to advance 2d per hundred.

A tiſſue laſh on any of the above articles -	1	3
A brocade on any of theſe articles —	0	6
To advance for every 5 lines above 50	0	1

No. 6. — Flower'd Garment Sattins, half ell

Reeds				S.	D
1000	Five threads	60 lines, per yard —		1	4
1100	Dito	Ditto	——	1	5
1200	Ditto	Ditto	——	1	6

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

And to advance for every 100 above 1200 —— —— 0 2

1000	ſix threads	60 lines per yard		1	6
1100	ditto	ditto	—	1	7
1200	ditto	ditto	—	1	8

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

And if above 1200 to advance for every 100 —— —— 0 2

1000	ſeven threads	60 lines per yard		1	7
1100	Ditto	ditto		1	8
1200	Ditto	ditto		1	9

All counts under 1000 to be be paid as 1000

And all above 1200 to advance for every 100 —— —— 0 2

	S	D
1000 eight threads 60 lines per yard -	1	8
1100 Ditto ditto	1	10
1200 Ditto ditto	2	0
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000		
And all above 1200 to advance for every hundred ——	0	2

1000 ten threads ſingle colour 60 lines				1	10
1100	ditto	ditto	ditto	2	0
1200	ditto	ditto	ditto	2	2
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000					
And all above 1200 to advance for each 100 ——				0	2
All the above articles to be made, one ſhoot draught, and one ſhoot plain					
If both ſhoots draught to advance —				0	2
If cord and tabby, and worked with one role to be paid extra ——				0	3
If obliged to be work'd with 2 roles				0	4

Two Colour'd Sattins.

1000 five threads 60 lines per yard			2	2
1100	ditto	ditto	2	3
1200	ditto	ditto	2	4
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000				
And all above 1200 to advance for every hundred ——			0	2

1000 ſix threads, 60 lines per yard			2	4
1100	ditto	ditto	2	5
1200	ditto	ditto	2	6
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000				
And all above 1200 to be paid for every 100 ——			0	2

	S.	D.
1000 ſeven threads, 60 lines per yard	2	5
1100 ditto ditto ——	2	6
1200 ditto ditto ——	2	7
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000		
And all above 1200 to be paid for every hundred ——	0	2

1000 eight threads 60 lines per yard			2	6
1100 ditto	ditto	——	2	8
1200 ditto	ditto	——	2	10
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000				
And all above 1200 to be paid for every 100	——	——	0	2

1000 ten threads, two colours 60 lines			2	8
1100 ditto	ditto	ditto	2	10
1200 ditto	ditto	ditto	3	0
All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000				
And all above 1200 to advance for each hundred ——			0	2

Changes on Sattins.

To pay 1*d* each for the two firſt ſhuttles, and for every ſhuttle after an --- 0 0½

No, 7. — Half ell flower'd tabbies with Sattin flowers.

Reeds	Lines			
1000	50	4 double	1	4
1100	ditto	ditto	1	5
1200	ditto	ditto	1	6

If with Sattin ſtripes made with the ſame harneſs, to advance per yard 0 2

And for every 5 lines above 50 to advance 0 1

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

Reeds	Lines		S.	D.
1000	50	8 threads ſingle	1	10
1100	ditto	ditto ditto	2	0
1200	ditto	ditto ditto	2	2

For every 5 lines above 50 to advance 0 1

All counts under 1000 to be paid as 1000

Reeds	Lines			
900	40	4 double, 2 ſingle, the figure made out of the Cane, one ſhoot draught and one ſhoot plain ——	1	6
		If drawn every ſhoot ——	1	10

All counts under 900 to be paid as 900

No. 8 — Single tiſſues, 5 threads in the reed.

Reeds	Lines			
1000	80 per yard ——		2	6
	To advance for every 100 in the reed extra		0	1
	For Sattin ſtripes 300 in the reed or under per yard. —— ——		0	4
	If above to advance for every 100 in the reed		0	1
	If Sattin and cord 300 in the reed or under, cord 300 in the reed or under per yard.		0	6
	If cord alone 300 in the reed or under per yd.		0	3
	If above to advance for every 100 per yd.		0	1
	Bias alone, 300 in the reed or under per yd.		0	4
	A fluſh made with the ground ſhuttle.		0	6
	But if not turned the half fluſh ——		0	4
	If with an additional fluſh per yd. ——		1	3

And if turn'd the half fluſh to be paid as the whole fluſh

Tabby Tiſſues.

Reeds	Lines			
1000	50	Four double, one ſhoot draught one Shoot plain ——	2	1
		If both ſhoots draught ——	2	6
		If a third fluſh to advance per yd.	1	0

		S.	D.
	To advance for every 100 in the reed	0	1
	To advance for every five lines	0	1
	For Sattin ſtripes 300 in the reed or under	0	4
	If above to advance for every 100 in the reed	0	1
	If Sattin and cord Sattin 300 in the reed or under, cord 300 in the reed or under per yd.	0	6
	If cord alone 300 in the reed or under	0	3
	If above to advance for every 100	0	1
1100	Sattin and tabby ſtriped, four double in the tabby, 8 Sattin, 4 ſingle tabby in the Sattin ſtripes, 60 lines, 2 ſhoots in an hole in tabby, if half over Sattin or under	2	6
	To advance for all the Sattin above half over per 100 ——	0	1
	One ſhoot draught one ſhoot plain		

Royal Tiſſues.

1100	or under, 60 lines, 6 threads ſingle in the reed per yd —— ——	2	9
	To advance for every 100 in the reed extra	0	1
	For Sattin ſtripes, 300 in the reed or under	0	4
	If above to advance for ever 100 in the reed	0	1
	If Sattin and cord Sattin 300 in the reed or under, cord 300 in the reed or under per yd,	0	6
	If cord alone 300 in the reed or under	0	3
	If above to advance for every hundred	0	1
	A tiſſue tobine 900, 75 lines, 4 threads ſingle, 2 double, tobine with two great harneſſes, one for the tabby and one for the tobine, with both ſhoots draught per yd,	3	0
	To advance for every 5 Lines extra per yd.	0	1
900	50 Lines 4 thread 2 double tobines	2	6
1000	50 Lines 2 thread tabby, 2 double tobines if cut by half Reeds	2	6
	If whole Reeds ——	2	4
	If any of theſe Articles are work'd with figured Lambs on the ground to advance extra ——	0	6

		S.	D.
	Changes in Tiſſues.		
	For each Shuttle to the number of four is to be paid —— —	0	1
	And for every Shuttle above four	0	0½
	Stage Harneſſes to continue to be work'd as they now are untill Michaelmas next and no longer		
	No. 9 — Half-ell ſingle Tobines.		
1050	50 Lines 400 in the Reed or under	1	2
	If above 400 to advance per 100	0	0½
	If all over Tobine ——	1	5
1050,	50 lines double tobine 400 or under	1	4
	If above 400 to advance per 100	0	0½
1050,	50 lines treble tobine 400 or under	1	6
	If above 400 to advance per 100	0	0½
	All under 1050 to be paid as 1050		
	If turn'd of 1050 to be paid as 1100, as far as 1150, and if turn'd of 1150 to be paid as 1200		
	To advance for every 100 in the ground above 1000 ——	0	1
	If bound every 8 lines ——	0	2
	every 6 lines ——	0	3
	every 4 lines ——	0	4
	every 3 lines — —	0	5
	Sattin ſtripes 300 in the reed or under	0	4
	If Sattin 300 and cord 150 or under	0	5
	If cord only turn'd of 150 up to 200	0	2
	And from 200 to 300 ——	0	3
	To advance for every 5 Lines above 50	0	1
1000	50 Lines Tobine all over, two ſingle, two double, one Shoot Draught, one Shoot plain —— —	1	3
1000	45 Lines four ſingle Ground, 2 double Tobine, one Shoot Draught, one Shoot plain —— —	1	6

		S	D
	If with two Shuttles to advance per yd	0	2
1000	50 Lines two ſingle in the Ground, two double Tobine, all in the little Harneſs	1	6

No. 10. — Three quarter'd ſingle Tobines.

1400	50 Lines 400 or under —	1	4
	If above 400 to advance for every 100 per yard —— —	0	0½
1400	50 Lines double Tobine 400 or under	1	6
	If above 400 to advance per 100 per yard	0	0½
	1400 50 Lines treble Tobine 400 or under	1	8
	If above 400 to advance per 100 per yd	0	0½
	All under 1400 to be paid as 1400 in the Ground		
	If turn'd 1400 from 25 Dents to 50, to advance ——	0	0½
	If turn'd the 50 dents to pay as for 1500		
	If turn'd of 1500 to advance as above, and ſo on as far as it ſhall riſe		
	If bound every 8 Lines ——	0	2
	every 6 Lines ——	0	3
	every 4 Lines ——	0	4
	every 3 Lines ——	0	5
	To advance for every 5 Lines above 50	0	1
	If with Sattin ſtripes 300 in the Reed, or under ——	0	4
	If with Sattin 300, and Cord 150, or under ——	0	5
	If Cord only turn'd of 150 up to 200	0	2
	And from 200 to 300 ——	0	3

No. 11 — Half-ell Luteſtring Brocades.

	1000 in the Reed, or under 50 Lines, or under, if three double —	1	3
	If plain ground 4 ſingle —	1	2
	If two double two ſingle —	1	4
	If four double ——	1	6
	If a Fluſh ——	0	3

	S	D
If a back ſhoot, the ſame is to be paid for as two Brocade Shuttles		
And for every 100 in the Reed extra	0	1½
For every 5 Lines in the Ground extra	0	1
If Sattin ſtripes, 300 in the Reed, or under ——	0	6
For every 100 in the Reed extra per yd	0	1½
300 or under corded ſtripes alone, bound with the Ground Shuttle	0	4
300 or under, cord with Sattin ſtripes	0	9
If above 300 Cord, for every 100 extra	0	1½
If with a foot ſingle Tobine ſtripes, 300 in the Reed or under	0	6
If double Tobine ſtripes ——	0	9
If above 300, to advance per 100 extra for ſingle Tobine ——	0	1½
For every 100 in double Tobine extra	0	2

No. 12—Three quarter'd Luteſtring Brocades 1400 in the Reed or under 50 Lines, or under 4 ſingle or 3 double, if a plain Ground —— 1 6

If a Fluſh —— — 1 9

If Sattin and corded to be paid as the Half Ell

Two Comber brocaded only on one ſide, to advance for every Brocade Shuttle extra —— 0 1

Single Comber, if amounting to 1000 Cords —— 0 6

If ſhaded —— —— 0 1

The Mounting is to be paid for as follows *viz.*

For hanging Lingo's per hundred	1	0
For necking and tying up ditto per 100	0	6
For making Laſhes on a ſingle Comber, brocaded ditto, per 100 ——	0	4

For ditto on Brocade, 2 or more Combers ditto per 100 ——	0	3
For ditto on Running Works of all kind, ditto, per 100 ——	0	4
For winding out Laſh ditto per pound	0	4
For making Heads and bridling them ditto, per 100 ——	0	1½
For drawing of Figures in general per Simple —— —	1	0
On ſingle Combers, to advance, on account of Mounture, on all Silks per yd.	0	3

No Woman or Girl is to be employed in the making any kind of Work except ſuch Works as are fixed and ſettled at 5d ½ per Ell or 5d ½ per yard or under, for the making, and thoſe not to exceed half an Ell in width, and that all Works ſhall continue to be paid for by the Yard or by the Ell, as they have been heretofore uſually paid. PROVIDED always that in Caſe it ſhall hereafter happen, that the Kingdom of Great Britain ſhall engage in War with any other Power, that then every Manufacturer ſhall be at Liberty to employ Women or Girls in the making any ſort of Works as they ſhall think moſt fit and convenient, without any Reſtraint whatever, at all or any Time or Times during ſuch War.

Thirty-ſeven Inches are to be the Standard for the Yard, and Forty-ſix for the Ell, and all Quarters of Yards or Ells, are to be paid for.

And no ſingle Silk is to be made uſe off in any of the above Works.

We the underwritten Maſters and Journeymen do hereby declare our reſpective Conſent and Agreement to the ſeveral Prices and other Particulars laſtly above mentioned and ſet forth, and that the ſame ſhall Commence and be complied with by both Parties from the Twenty-fifth Day of March, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine, And in Teſtimony thereof We have hereunto ſet our Hands.

Iſaac Dupree
Ab. Gamage and Maze
Tim. and Wm Ravenhill
Gallot and Guillebaud
John Lambert
Jas Sorel and Sons
Robt Ravenhill
Jordan and Maſon
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To all whom it may Concern.

WE doubt not, but envy and ill-will may induce many to raiſe objections to different articles in the aforegoing pages; notwithſtanding the pains which have been taken, both by maſters and men, to ſettle every article on the moſt juſt and equitable terms, as far as the preſent ſtate of affairs would admit of.

To ſuch we would make no reply! To the impartial objecter we would obſerve.

We know there are ſome of that unhappy caſt, that they are never contented long with any thing, as it would be labour loſt to try to pleaſe ſuch, ſo we hope their number are but ſmall. Upon the whole we are enabled to ſay, (which with the utmoſt gratitude we would acknowledge) we have found much more merit amongſt our maſters, then we at firſt expected. We hope ſuch as have diſtinguiſhed themſelves in this way, will find their account in it.

What may appear diſagreeable to one, may appear more favourable to another. This one thing we dare affirm; we have laboured as much to avoid giving any juſt cauſe of offence, as any others poſſibly could in our circumſtances; if we have not ſucceeded as well, it will we hope appear not ſo much our fault, as misfortune. If there ſhould appear any real

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faults to unprejudiced minds, let ſuch pleaſe to reflect, that there never was a work of this, or any other kind, that did not diſcover ſome imperfection. With reſpect to the objections that ſome may make to the perſons who undertook this difficult taſk, as wanting ſuch and ſuch requiſite qualifications, as they ſuppoſed needful.—Let it be remembered, what a critical ſituation our affairs were then in; and how difficult, nay impoſſible, to find any perſons, except they who did undertake it, that had the public peace ſo much at heart, as to inſpire them with reſolution, ſufficient to enter on ſo arduous an employ. However, we have, we think, taken the moſt effectual method to preſerve ourſelves from cenſure, by carefully avoiding to do any thing of ourſelves; but on the ſettleing of every article in debate, have taken pains to procure a ſufficient number of the moſt able and approved workmen, the different branches in debate afforded. Nay, we have at all times not only admitted, but even requeſted the attendance of all who had any connections with the buſineſs. And as we are certain the Journeymen that did attend, will not find fault, ſo are we certain, ſuch as would not attend, have of all the world the leaſt right to find fault. Again, let it be remembered, that at our firſt ſetting out, we did not propoſe to make advancements, only to eſtabliſh what we had, which, by the aſſiſtance of many worthy maſters, it is preſumed we have.

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WHEN baſe oppreſſion wav'd it's iron rod,
And under foot an helpleſs people trod,
Diſtreſſed families felt the direful ſmart,
Keen anguiſh pierc'd the honeſt labourer's heart,
Proviſions high, and wages vaſtly low,
Starving at home, not knowing where to go;
In this delemna, think what could they do,
What method take, what courſe muſt they purſue
Made by oppreſſion, mad their minds diſtracted,
Shut up from all relief, ſuch parts were acted;
By ſome who void of ſenſe, were void of fear,
Oh! may ſuch dreadful ſcenes no more appear,
What greatful ſentiments muſt fill our hearts;
When we reflect on thoſe who took our parts;
Who touch'd by tender feelings of compaſſion,
Were mov'd by juſtice only, not by paſſion;
May bounteous providence their labours bleſs,
Who help'd to crown our labours with ſucceſs,
And may no treacherous, baſe, deſigning men,
E'er make encroachments on our rights again;
May upright maſters ſtill augment their treaſure,
And journeymen purſue their work with pleaſure,
May arts and manufactories ſtill increaſe,
And Spitalfields be bleſt with proſperous peace.

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